

**REMARKS**

Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of this application in view of the foregoing amendment and the following remarks.

**Claims Status**

Claims 1 and 10 are pending in this application. Applicants thank the Examiner for indicating that claim 1 is in condition for allowance (see ¶1 of Office Action).

Claim 10 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(a) as allegedly being anticipated by or, in the alternative, under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as allegedly being obvious over Applicant's Prior Art Admission. In response, Applicants agreed to cancel claim 10 without prejudice or disclaimer.

As such, Applicants believe that the application is in condition for allowance, which is respectfully requested.

**CONCLUSION**

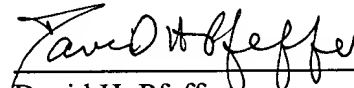
For the above-stated reasons, this application is respectfully asserted to be in condition for allowance. In the event that a telephone conference would facilitate the examination of this application in any way, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the number provided.

THE COMMISSIONER IS HEREBY AUTHORIZED TO CHARGE ANY ADDITIONAL FEES WHICH MAY BE REQUIRED FOR THE TIMELY CONSIDERATION OF THIS AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 AND 1.17, OR CREDIT ANY OVERPAYMENT TO DEPOSIT ACCOUNT NO. 13-4500, ORDER NO. 3620-4006.

Respectfully submitted,  
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